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BASE STATION PHYSICIANS' COMMITTEE MEETING

Minutes

Tuesday, April 18, 2006

Members Present

Castro, Ben – Co. Paramedics Agencies' Committee
Davis, M.D., Dan – UCSD/Mercy Air
Dotson, R.N., Melody – UCSD
Glasser, M.D., Judd – Tri-City
Harley, M.D., Jim – Children's
Kramer, M.D., Mark – Sharp Memorial
Linnik, M.D., Bill – Sharp Grossmont
Morikado, M.D., Lisa – Scripps La Jolla
Schwartz, M.D., Brad – American Medical Response
Stonecipher, R.N., Joanne – Southwestern College
Zahller, M.D., Steve – Scripps Mercy

County Staff Present

Haynes, M.D., Bruce
Marcotte, R.N., Annie
Metz, R.N., Marcy

Recorder

Rupp, Merle

Guests Present

Allington, R.N., Linda – No. Co. Fire Prot. District
Anderson, R.N., Marilyn – Vista Fire
Barnes, R.N., Melanie – S.D. Med. Services Enterprise
Bourdon, R.N., Darlene – Scripps Mercy
Brock, R.N., Sharon – Sharp Grossmont
Brown, R.N., Lana – UCSD ROC
Broyles, R.N., Linda – Scripps La Jolla
Buono, M.D., Colleen – UCSD EMS Fellow
Chhieng, Norak – Naval Medical Center San Diego
Chlarson, Karl – San Marcos Fire
Eldridge, R.N., Leslie – Sharp Memorial
Foehr, Rick – East Co. Fire/EMSTA, Inc.
Frederick, Bill – San Marcos Fire
Graydon, R.N., Cheryl – Palomar
Kelly, R.N., Donna – UCSD ROC
Lee, James – American Medical Response
Meadows-Pitt, R.N., Mary – Sharp Grossmont
Myers, Dannie – American Medical Response
Ochs, R.N., Ginger – San Diego Fire Rescue
Oshima, Aaron – Mercy Air
Rainey, R.N., Susan – Tri-City
Ramanujam, M.D., Prasanthi – UCSD EMS Fellow
Rosenberg, R.N., Linda – Sharp Memorial
Sallee, M.D., Don – Naval Medical Center San Diego
Seabloom, R.N., Lynne – Oceanside Fire
Shults, R.N., Sheri – Children's
Smith, Dennis – American Medical Response
Smith, R.N., Susan – San Diego Fire Rescue
Steen, R.N., Pam – Mercy Air
Workman, R.N., Debi – Palomar College

I. INTRODUCTIONS/ANNOUNCEMENTS

Dan Davis, M.D., Chair, brought the meeting to order at 11:00 a.m. Attendees introduced themselves.

II. APPROVAL OF MINUTES

MOTION made by Jim Harley, M.D., Seconded by Steve Zahller, M.D., to approve the Minutes of March 21, 2006. MOTION carried.

III. MEDICAL DIRECTOR'S REPORT (Bruce Haynes, M.D.)

STEMI Update: The Cardiology Advisory Committee (CAC) met April 5, 2006, and reviewed data on one year's experience in Orange County, and field EKG data from the City of San Diego and the County databases. Similar rates of over-triage were noted. The designation criteria for receiving hospitals was distributed to the hospitals for review, and the associated policies will go to EMCC Prehospital/Hospital subcommittee for review next month after clearing review by County Counsel. The criteria for designated hospitals will be in the Memorandum of Understanding between the County and the hospitals.

Stroke Update: A survey of hospitals' stroke services is nearing completion to be sent out. Following that, the advisory committees will meet again. The purpose is to improve stroke care in the county, both in hospitals, and in the community through awareness and prevention. This will continue over the next year or so.

Patient Destination Data: A spike in the number of ALS patients transported during the month of Marcy, 2006 was noted with no specific reason known although there has been a slight resurgence of influenza recently.

Emergency Medical Oversight Committee (EMOC): The offload time study data collection instrument has been changed. There will be a discussion of the appropriate time limit for offload of patients at the May meeting. The study will likely be done in May. The Hospital Association reported the tobacco tax initiative will be on the November ballot. State hospital licensing and certification declined to change the rules on sending patients to floors pending an available bed. They suggested collecting data on patients awaiting admission. This is being done as a capacity report to be given by EMS at the next EMOC meeting. 5150 training will also be discussed at the next EMOC.

IV. BASE HOSPITAL NURSE COORDINATOR'S RPT. (Melody Dotson, R.N.)

Work is continuing on the Lasix study and monitoring all Lasix calls. Results of that study will be presented next month and Barbara Stepanski, County EMS, will make a presentation on the results.

The Patient Destination Report meeting was held earlier this date and some questions will be brought back to PAC for discussion.

V. PROTOCOL UPDATE

Protocols S-136 and S-127 were discussed and revisions were suggested.

VI. ROC UPDATE (Dan Davis, M.D.)

The Polyheme Trial will stop enrolling patients at the end of this week. The broader study will continue for approximately two more months. A form letter is being drafted to be sent to American Medical Response and San Diego Medical Services Enterprise/Rural Metro informing employees that Polyheme will be pulled off the rigs. Hypertonic Saline training will start in May. Base hospitals have been contacted already to schedule their training and a ROC representative will go to each group. If agencies have people who would like to be “train the trainers,” accommodations can be made for that. The University of Washington has a program that will be available with an on-line testing piece.

The Cardiac Arrest Trial is slated for the end of summer/early fall with training in August or September.

Any agencies who receive federal funding for research need to have an arrangement with an IRB (Institutional Review Board) with the assurance that training and studying will be conducted according to the design of the study. Dr. Davis will have jurisdiction over the training and on-going monitoring

VII. PATIENT DESTINATION REQUEST (Lisa Morikado, M.D.)

Dr. Morikado reported that there have been instances where patients who request “Scripps” have been taken to Scripps La Jolla instead of Scripps Mercy. The lack of clarification of which facility and transport to the wrong hospital leads to a delay in obtaining medical record information and results in interfacility transfers. The recommendation is that in cases where there are more than one hospital in a healthcare system, the prehospital providers clarify which hospital is home to the patient’s care.

**VIII. SAN DIEGO HEALTHCARE DISASTER COUNCIL
(Linda Rosenberg, R.N.)**

The HRSA Year Four contracts should all be out to the hospitals by now. The HRSA Workgroup met and discussed trailers with the goal of having a decontamination trailer available in every region. Four hospitals were selected yesterday to be those sites, those being Sharp Grossmont, UCSD, Scripps La Jolla and Palomar.

The next regional disaster drill is scheduled for Tuesday, May 23, 2006 beginning around 5:00 p.m. with an earthquake scenario occurring that morning. Volunteers are needed.

**IX. HEALTH ADVISORY COMMITTEE ON THREATS (HACOT)
(Jim Dunford, M.D.)**

No report.

X. ROUNDTABLE

Pam Steen, R.N., Mercy Air, announced that there will be a new second aircraft beginning operations in May, 2006. Mercy Air will be opening Life Net California in Imperial County. The aircraft will be black and gold and will be used only in Imperial County for 9-1-1 responses.

XI. SET NEXT MEETING/ADJOURNMENT

The next meeting was scheduled for Tuesday, May 16, 2006, 11:00 a.m. at Sharp Spectrum Auditorium, 8695 Spectrum Center Court, Kearny Mesa, San Diego.

The meeting adjourned at 1:00 p.m.

Respectfully submitted,

Merle Rupp, Board Secretary,
County EMS